



*TESTIMONY FOR THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
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Supporting SB 256 AN ACT CONCERNING DATA GOVERNANCE AND CERTAIN
REQUESTS FOR STATE AGENCY DATA, RECORDS OR FILES.

Senator Flexer, Representative Blumenthal, Senator Slap, Representative Morrin Bello, Senator Sampson, Representative Mastrofrancesco and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 256, which would directly affect the core aspects of OHS's mission and the work we do to implement comprehensive data driven strategies that promote equal access to high-quality healthcare, control costs and ensure better health outcomes for the people of Connecticut.

As the agency responsible for coordinating the state's health information technology initiatives, including establishing data standards that promote consistency and interoperability, OHS supports the proposed changes within this bill. We also administer the All Payers Claims Database, statewide Health Information Exchange, Patient data collection, and Hospital Financial Reporting which includes data sharing with other state agencies.

SB 256 would allow for the Office of Policy Management to create advisory boards to assist with data governance as well as ensure that data requests to a state agency from the public are directed to the agency from which the data, records or files originated. Having such boards will promote interoperability, data quality, accuracy, and security.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important matter before the Committee. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact OHS through our legislative liaison, Cindy Dubuque-Gallo, at cindy.dubuque-gallo@ct.gov.